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CENTRAL PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

FTF-RC013-10-0053-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE CENTRAL PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES RFGA?

The Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council (RPC) has identified the need to expand access to high quality, inclusive early education and care for children birth through age five with special needs and to increase capacity of qualified early childhood education workforce to address the needs of children identified with special needs. Child care policies and practices for young children with special needs should reflect the values and goals of quality care in inclusive settings. Including children with special needs with typically developing classmates supports the individual abilities, interests, temperaments, developmental rates, and learning styles of young children with disabilities. Successful inclusion of special needs children promotes positive social emotional development through on-going training, on-site technical assistance, and support for staff. There are limited opportunities to obtain early care and education settings that are inclusive of children with special needs in the Central Phoenix Region. To increase opportunities for children with special needs to attend high quality early childhood education, Regional Partnerships can provide grants for assessment of the early care and education program regarding training needs on inclusion, technical assistance, training, and special equipment or adaptation for early care and education settings.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$1,000,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds. The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be September 1, 2009 - to June 30, 2010.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

April 8, 2009	RFGA available on-line
April 20, 2009	Pre-Application Conference First Things First, 8 th Floor Board Room, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at 4000 N. Central Ave., Ste. 800, Phoenix, AZ 85012
May 20, 2009	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 11:00 a.m.
September 1, 2009	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after April 8, 2009: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include FTF-RC013-0053-00 in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.